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CERTIFICATES

OF THE

Efficacy

OF

Doctor PERKINS's

Patent Metallic Inſtruments.

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To the *PUBLIC.*

SENSIBLE that every attempt at improvement in any of the uſeful arts, ever has, and probably ever will meet with oppoſition, either from intereſted or *certain* other motives, which in a greater or leſs degree influence the generality of mankind,—the ſubſcriber takes the liberty to cite a few among very many caſes in which his method of removing pains, inflammations, and ſpaſmodic affections from the human body, has been attended with ſucceſs. The novelty and apparent ſimplicity of this practice, may poſſibly induce ſome, before they have attended with candor to the ſubject, to treat it with ridicule. That the public may be more ſatisfactorily informed as to its utility and importance, he publiſhes the following certificates, as received from ſeveral reſpectable characters.

ELISHA PERKINS.

Plainfield, Auguſt 12, 1796.

CERTIFICATES, &c.

GEN. TYLER, AND MR. LORD.

I JOHN TYLER, of Preſton, in the county of New-London and ſtate of Connecticut, hereby certify, that on or about the 17th day of June laſt, I was confined by a wound, which I had before that time received, by cutting my right leg tranſverſely, in which I had taken cold; and at that time the ſore was in a high ſtate of inflammation, and gave me great pain, to ſuch a degree that I had been obliged to keep my leg in a horizontal poſition, in a chair, the moſt of that day,—when Doct. *Eliſha Perkins*, of Plainfield, called on me, and having operated on me a few minutes with his patent metallic inſtruments, the pain in my leg wholly ceaſed, and the redneſs and inflammation of the wound entirely diſappeared. I was free from pain that night, and indeed the pain and inflammation both ceaſed from that operation, and never returned again.

And I further certify, that my wife at that time was ſorely afflicted with rheumatic pains in her hip, which had been upon her a number of years, and had affected her to ſuch a degree as to render that ſide ſhorter than the other, and to make her unable at that time to raiſe herſelf from her chair without the greateſt difficulty, or to walk acroſs the room without leaning on her ſtaff, and with that ſupport, not without the greateſt inconvenience; and Doct. *Perkins* operated upon her a few minutes, when ſhe declared herſelf free from pain, and immediately roſe from her chair, without any aſſiſtance or apparent difficulty, and walked

ſeveral times acroſs the room without her ſtaff, or any other ſupport, and has continued to this time able to walk in that manner; not having complained of, or been troubled with pain in the night (of which ſhe had much complained before;) and has truly been to all appearance, a different perſon, as to the uſe of her limbs, from the time of that operation, from what ſhe had been for years before.

JOHN TYLER.

Preſton, July 29, 1796.

I THE ſubſcriber was preſent at the time of the above operation, and fully concur in the above ſtatement of facts by Gen. *Tyler*.

JAMES LORD.

MR. NATHAN GLOVER, & MR. AMOS SIMONS.

I NATHAN GLOVER, of Plainfield, in the county of Windham and ſtate of Connecticut, certify, that for ſeven years paſt, I have been frequently viſited with ſevere turns of the *Quinſey*, which (notwithſtanding the application of internal and external means, adminiſtered by the moſt ſkilful neighboring phyſicians) have never left me within eight or ten days.

About the firſt of July, 1796, I was again ſeverely attacked by this diſeaſe, and in about twenty-four hours, my throat became very much ſwelled and inflamed, and extremely painful. I was at this time viſited by Doct. *Perkins*, who operated on the diſeaſed part, with his patent metallic inſtruments.

The pains after two or three operations, wholly left me, and the inflammation entirely diſappeared; the ſwelling did not maturate and break as it had uſually done,—but in about twenty-four hours wholly ſubſided, and my throat became perfectly well.

The turns of the quinſey which I have heretofore had, though not more ſevere in their firſt attacks than this, have never left me ſhort of the term of eight or ten days; whereas this continued but two: And I have no doubt but it would have laſted as long as the others, had not Doct. *Perkins* operated with his inſtruments. I believe the cure to be effected wholly by his means.

NATHAN GLOVER.

Plainfield, Auguſt 9, 1796.

I THE ſubſcriber was reſiding at the houſe of Mr. *Glover*, and was preſent at the above operation, and perfectly agree with him in his ſtatement of facts.

AMOS SIMONS.

CAPT. JOSHUA BOTTUM.

I JOSHUA BOTTUM, of Plainfield, in the county of Windham and ſtate of Connecticut, certify, that I have been troubled with a *rheumatic pain* in my arm for four months, which was often extremely diſtreſſing. Having heard much of the ſurpriſing efficacy of Doct. *Perkins's* patent inſtruments, but being myſelf an unbeliever in this method of removing pains, in conſequence of the ſuggeſtions of his enemies, I neglected uſing his means, until on or about the 15th of July, when I myſelf operated on my pained arm about ſix minutes, and to my utter ſurprize, the pain entirely ceaſed, and has never returned. I have every reaſon to believe that a radical cure was effected by that one operation.

JOSHUA BOTTUM.

Plainfield, Auguſt 5, 1796.

Mr. and Mrs. SNOW.

I ELIZABETH SNOW, of Plainfield, in the ſtate of Connecticut, certify that in the month of June, 1795, I was ſorely afflicted with pains in my ancles, which had ſettled there after a ſevere fit of ſickneſs, and had troubled me to ſuch a degree that I became very weak and emaciated. In this unhappy ſituation I continued about three months, until in the month and year above-mentioned, I applied to Doctor *Eliſha Perkins*, who viſited me and operated on the pained part of my ancles, with his metallic inſtruments. Immediately the pain ceaſed and has never ſince returned. I am perſuaded a radical cure was at that time effected.

ELIZABETH SNOW.

Plainfield, Auguſt 3, 1796.

I the ſubſcriber fully concur with my wife, in the above ſtatement of facts.

ABRAHAM SNOW.

Mrs. STEARNS.

I HEREBY certify, that I have been troubled with a pain and weakneſs in my wriſt, for upwards of ſix years, attended with a tumor, which had become hard and protuberant, about the ſize of a walnut.

In November laſt, Doctor *Eliſha Perkins* operated on the part affected, with his metallic inſtruments, which gave an immediate relief; and I have experienced no pain there ſince. The tumor very ſoon ſubſided, and my wriſt is in all reſpects as well as ever.

RACHEL STEARNS.

Plainfield, Auguſt 2, 1796.

Mr. DAVID MOORE,
AND
Maj. PERKINS,

Phyſician, and Member of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut.

THIS may certify that I have for many years been occaſionally ſubject to rheumatic pains, which have at times confined me to my houſe for ſome weeks, and that I was ſome time paſt ſeized violently with a pain in my back, loins and hips. I called two different phyſicians to my aſſiſtance, and followed their directions, but with no apparent benefit. In four or five days from the firſt attack, the pain removed into my feet, particularly into my great toe joints, which ſwelled and inflamed, and became extremely painful, and remained in that ſituation ſeveral days, giving me little or no reſt. Having heard of the effects of Doctor *Eliſha Perkins's* metallic inſtruments, I was induced to try them. I accordingly had them applied in the mode preſcribed. It was in the evening I thought I felt relief, and in the morning when I awoke, my pains, to my very great ſurpriſe, had wholly left me, and have never returned. The ſwelling and ſoreneſs gradually abated, and in two or three days I was well, excepting a weakneſs which I ſuppoſe was in conſequence of ſo much pain.

DAVID MOORE.

Norwich, Auguſt 12, 1796.

THIS may certify that I was knowing to the above caſe; alſo, to ſeveral others, where theſe inſtruments have been uſed with ſucceſs, and am of opinion, that they promiſe important benefit to mankind.

JOSEPH PERKINS.

Doctor RUFUS JOHNSON,
A Member of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut.

I CERTIFY, that in the courſe of my practice, a few months paſt, I have made frequent experiments with Doctor *Perkins's* patent inſtruments, and have with but very few exceptions, ſucceeded to my great aſtoniſhment, in removing *rheumatic pains*, head-achs, agues in the face, cramp-convulſions, and inflammatory ſwellings of the throat.

The pains, after being once eaſed, have in but few inſtances returned; and then by a repetition of the operation, have been wholly removed.

From my own practice, and from what I know of the practice of others, I eſteem Doctor *Perkins's* method of removing pains, a very important and uſeful improvement in the *healing art*; and wiſh that his inſtruments may be generally diſperſed, that mankind at large may have it in their power by theſe ſimple means, to eaſe themſelves of moſt of the bodily pains which ſo many experience.

RUFUS JOHNSON, Phyſician.

Canterbury, Auguſt 10, 1796.

Doctor T. BACKUS,
Member of the Medical Society, of the State of Connecticut.

I THE ſubſcriber was called on the 4th inſtant, to attend a patient, by the name of *James Crawſon*, who for the term of nearly five years, has been frequently troubled with a ſpecies of epileptic fits.—When I firſt ſaw him, he had experienced in the courſe of the day, about twelve, each of which uſually held him nearly fifteen minutes. At the commencement of one of them, I took from him about fourteen ounces

of blood ; but diſcovering no happy effect, I applied Doctor *Perkins'* patent metallic inſtruments to his right leg, in which he uſually experienced the firſt attack of his fits. The whole leg immediately became limber and free from ſpaſms, and he ſoon revived without ſuffering a general convulſion. About twenty minutes after, I being out of his room, was informed that the ſymptoms of another fit appeared, and before I could operate on him, he was univerſally convulſed with an entire loſs of reaſon. I then applied the inſtruments to his right leg, ſix or eight ſtrokes, when the ſpaſms immediately ceaſed, and he recovered his reaſon. In a ſhort time, he was ſeized with another, which was removed very much in the manner of the laſt, the inſtruments not being applied until a general convulſion had taken place. I then ſeated myſelf on his bed, that I might be enabled to apply the means more ſeaſonably. Here he very ſoon diſcovered the ſymptoms again, but by applying the inſtruments, the ſymptoms immediately diſappeared. Several others at intervals, commenced with their uſual ſymptoms, by ſo contracting and cramping the right leg, that the utmoſt exertions of two men were ſcarcely able to ſtraighten it, each of which were, in leſs than a minute removed by four or five ſtrokes of the inſtruments, before they had extended to the other parts of the body, the leg almoſt inſtantaneouſly becoming perfectly lax.

By the requeſt of a number of gentlemen, who were then preſent, when the ſymptoms of one appeared, I ceaſed to operate, that we might determine whether the above operations had prevented the general convulſions, which before the applications of the inſtruments, had always ſucceeded the firſt attack in his leg. Immediately he fell into a very ſevere fit, which appeared in one univerſal ſpaſm. In this ſituation, I ſuffered him to continue a few minutes, when by

applying the inſtruments to his leg again, in leſs than one minute he was entirely free from any kind of ſpaſm, and immediately recovered his reaſon. I ſtill continued by his ſide, and prevented ſeveral other general attacks by operating with the inſtruments at the beginning of the ſymptoms. About one hour and a half after the firſt operation, the fits entirely ſubſided. He became eaſy and experienced none of thoſe diſagreeable ſenſations, which he ever had after former attacks of this kind. He informs that he had uſually been afflicted with theſe fits except at a few intervals, about twenty-four hours from the time they firſt commenced, and it is preſumed the application of the metallic inſtruments, not only ſhortened the fits, but leſſened their number, as at this time they continued not more than nine or ten hours from their firſt commencement, and about an hour and a half after the firſt application of the inſtruments. He further obſerves, that he has diſcovered none of that debility which had univerſally ſucceeded his former attacks, and continues to this day enjoying better health than uſual. THOMAS BACKUS, *Phyſician.*

We the ſubſcribers were preſent at the above operations, and fully agree with Doctor *Backus*, in his ſtatement of facts. CHARLES MILLER,
JOHN LESTER,
PHINEHAS KINDAL,
JOHN PIKE,
RECOMPENCE HALY.

Plainfield, Aug. 9, 1796.

DOCTOR JAREB DYER,
Member of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, and Surgeon to the 21ſt Regiment.

I CERTIFY, that for ſeven years paſt, I have been troubled with almoſt a conſtant *rheumatic pain*,

in my left ſhoulder. For the two laſt years it has gradually increaſed till it became very diſtreſſing, and has been attended with a ſtiffneſs, to ſuch a degree that I could not raiſe my hand to the top of my head without great difficulty. On or about the 18th of June laſt, I myſelf operated on my ſhoulder when it was in extreme pain, with Doctor *Perkins's* patent tractors.—The pain, to my great ſurprize, wholly left me within ſix minutes, and my ſhoulder was ſoon freed from its former ſtiffneſs, ſo that I could move that arm and ſhoulder with the ſame eaſe that I could the other.—The pain has but once returned, and then very lightly, in conſequence of ſevere exerciſe: It was immediately removed by applying the tractors.

I further certify, that I have been afflicted with a pain in my head for twenty years paſt. It has uſually come on in the fore part of the day, and continued ten or twelve hours. Has often been very diſtreſſing. About the time of the above operation, I applied the inſtruments to my head, when in ſevere pain. I was in a few minutes eaſed, and the pain has not yet returned.—For three years before this operation, I do not think I have been three weeks at a time free from this complaint. From what I have experienced, and heard of the efficacy of Doctor *Perkins's* inſtruments, I doubt not but they will prove of great utility to mankind. JAREB DYER, Phyſician.

Canterbury, Auguſt 11, 1796.

Doctor EBENEZER ROBINSON.

I HEREBY certify, that I have been acquainted with Doctor *Perkins'* method of removing pains and inflâmmations by pointed metallic inſtruments, for near a year; that I have frequently operated myſelf, and have generally had ſucceſs in removing pains and inflammations of various kinds, among which, are

pains of the head, burns, and rheumatiſms, that I have full confidence in the efficacy of the means, and that it is a very valuable diſcovery.

EBENEZER ROBINSON.

Plainfield, Auguſt 10, 1796.

Capt. CYRUS SPAULDING.

I CYRUS SPAULDING, of Plainfield, in the ſtate of Connecticut, certify, that from the month of May, to the month of July, 1795, I was in a feeble, debilitated ſtate, and was afflicted with almoſt a conſtant pain acroſs the ſmall of my back, which at times was very ſevere. In the month of July, I applied to Doctor *Eliſha Perkins*, for phyſical aid: He propoſed removing my pain with his metallic inſtrument, without any internal application. As I was far from having any faith in ſuch apparently ſimple means, I treated them with ridicule. However, I conſented to his operating on the affected part; when in a few minutes, to my great aſtoniſhment, the pain wholly left me, and has never ſince returned.

CYRUS SPAULDING.

Rev. JOEL BENEDICT.

I JOEL BENEDICT, of Plainfield, certify, that I was preſent at the time that Capt. *Cyrus Spaulding* was eaſed of pain by Doctor *Perkins*, as certified above; and that I have alſo myſelf ſeveral times removed pains of different kinds by his patent metallic inſtruments. Cures performed in this way appear to me as real, and no more liable to a relapſe, than thoſe by any other means. The cure of an accidental ſcald, I have myſelf experienced. The pain was relieved in

a few minutes, and the ſoreneſs ſoon left it and the cure was entire. I am perſuaded that the invention is important, and will be of great benefit to mankind.

JOEL BENEDICT, *Paſtor of a Church in Plainfield.*

Auguſt 10, 1796.

Rev. WALTER KING.

THIS may certify, that the ſubſcriber has been preſent, in ſundry inſtances, where pains have been apparently removed by the application of metallic inſtruments, invented and improved by Doctor *Eliſha Perkins* of Plainfield, and that the uſe of ſaid inſtruments appears to me, to promiſe extenſive benefit to ſociety.

WALTER KING, *Paſtor of the ſecond Church in Norwich.*

Norwich, Auguſt 12, 1796.

Rev. SOLOMON MORGAN.

I HEREBY certify whom it may concern, that I have had opportunity of making uſe of Dr. *Eliſha Perkins's* tractors, in caſes of pain in the head, and burns, and have ſucceeded to the relief of the patients; and from what I have heard from others, I believe that ſaid tractors are uſeful to the removing of many of the pains to which we are ſubject; and think that a more general uſe of them, may be for the benefit of mankind.

SOLOMON MORGAN, *Paſtor of the firſt church in Canterbury.*

Canterbury, Auguſt 10, 1796.

Rev. ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

I CERTIFY that on the 21ſt of March, 1796, I ſaw Doct. *Perkins's* method of cure by pointed metallic inſtruments, tried with ſucceſs, upon ſeveral patients in the poor-houſe or bettering-houſe in Philadelphia;—eſpecially upon a man who was unable to lift his right hand to his head, as was tried before-hand; but who after a few minutes operation, was able to remove it at pleaſure, and in my ſight, put it with eaſe on the top of his head and back of his neck, and in all directions.

Nearly the ſame effects took place upon a woman; and all that I ſaw treated, profeſſed that their pains ceaſed after being treated a ſhort time: And ſeveral came voluntarily, and in my hearing, thanked the Doctor for cures he had performed on them about eight weeks before, in removing pains from them, which they declared had not ſince returned. So that from what I ſaw with my own eyes, and what I have heard, I have great hopes that this method will greatly tend to alleviate the miſeries of mankind.

ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

Philadelphia, April 4, 1796.

Rev. MICAIAH PORTER.

I MICAIAH PORTER, of Voluntown, in the county of Windham and ſtate of Connecticut, certify, that I have myſelf made repeated experiments with Doctor *Perkins's* metallic inſtruments, for removing pains and inflammations; that I have almoſt invariably ſucceeded to my own aſtoniſhment, in curing head-aches, teeth-aches, rheumatiſms and burns: In other complaints, I have not had opportunity for trial: But I am fully convinced, from my own experiments, and from what I have known of others, that this me-

thod of removing pains and inflammations from human bodies, is a very important discovery, and that it must contribute very much to alleviate the distresses and infirmities to which our frail bodies are so liable.

MICAIAH PORTER, *Pastor*
of the first church in Voluntown.

August 9, 1796.

Windham County, Aug, 16, 1796.

WE the subscribers certify, that from a variety of cases, which have occurred, not only in our own practice, but in that of our neighboring physicians, we are *fully convinced* of the utility of Doctor Perkins's patent metallic instruments, in removing various pains, spasms and inflammatory affections from the human body, and that the discovery is of importance to the healing art.

* JOSEPH BAKER,
* JONATHAN HALL,
* ELISHA LORD,
* JOHN BREWSTER,
} Fellows of the Medical Convention.

THOMAS HUBBARD,
Member of the Medical Society.

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* Doctors Baker, Hall, Lord and Brewster, with the author of the metallic discovery, are the five representatives from Windham county to the Connecticut Medical Convention.

MANY *other certificates might have been inserted relative to the discussion of biles and fellons, cures of gouts, &c. but it is presumed that enough is here exhibited to convince an unprejudiced mind, that the metallic instruments have performed* radical cures.

Measures have been pursued that the means of removing pains, &c. may be obtained in various parts of the United States. The following is a list of the names and places of a-

bode of ſome who have the transfers and patent inſtruments for ſale.

DOCTOR Thaddeus M'Cartey, Keene, New-Hampſhire.
—— Smith, M.D. Dartmouth College, do.
Rev. John Smith, Dighton, Maſſachuſetts.
Doctor Joſeph Trumbull, Peterſham, do.
Doctor Seth Field, Brookfield, do.
Mr. John Ruggles, Berry, do.
Doctor Thomas Babbit, Brookfield, do.
Mr. Samuel Satterlee, Williamſtown, do.
Rev. —— White, Briſtol, Rhode-Iſland.
George Burrill, Eſq. Providence, do.
Doctor John Aldrich, Hopkinton, do.
Capt. Ladd, Newport, do.
Doctor Daniel Coit, Norwich, Connecticut.
Doctor Jonathan Hall, Pomfret, do.
Doctor Thomas Hubbard, do. do.
Doctor Joſeph Baker, Brooklyn, do.
Doctor Penuel Hutchins, Killingly, do.
Doctor Joſeph Coit, Thompſon, do.
Doctor Aſa Spaulding, Stonington, do.
Doctor Samuel Willard, Stafford, do.
Doctor Ripley, Norwich, do.
Doctor Thomas Backus, Plainfield, do.
Doctor Jareb Dyer, Canterbury, do.
Doctor Rufus Johnſon, do. do.
Doctor Lee, jun. Windham, do.
Doctor John Pierce, Lebanon, do.
Hon. Nathaniel Niles, Eſq. Fairlee, Vermont.
Doctor Aaron Kinſman, Newbury, do.
Doctor Joſeph Lord, St. Johnſbury, do.
Amaſa Dingley, M. D. New-York.
James Clark, M. D. and Son, do.
Doctor Samuel Neſbit, jun. do.
Doctors Wilſon & Prentice, do.
Elijah Perkins, M. D. Philadelphia.
James Tilton, M. D. Wilmington, Delaware.

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